

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 21, 23-30, 32-34, 36-38, and 40-44 are now pending, with Claims 1, 7, 21, and 42 being independent.

Claims 21 and 42 have been amended. Support for the amendments to these claims can be found throughout the application. No new matter is believed to have been added.

As an initial matter, Applicants respectfully request in the next Office communication an indication as to the status of a "Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) to Accept Color Photographs" filed on September 17, 2003 in the present application.

Turning now to the Non-Final Office Action mailed July 1, 2005:

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 21, 23-30, 32-34, 36-38, and 40-44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,277,457 ("Onishi") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,782,496 ("Casper").

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 30, 32-34, and 36-37, Applicants submit that one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to substitute a releasably adhereable label¹ of Casper in place of the protection sheet 4 of the cleaning sheet of Onishi, and therefore would not have arrived at a document with debris-removing characteristics, as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 30, 32-34, and 36-37, irrespective of whatever else, if anything, the combination of Onishi and Casper may disclose or suggest with respect to these claims.

Onishi discloses that the protection sheet 4 can be formed of a thin paper, thin film, or the like, and discloses producing the paper or film by coating silicone thereon. Onishi, 9/5-13. Moreover, Onishi discloses that "when the worst condition is assumed, for example, when it is assumed that the cleaning sheet CS and protection sheet 4 are in pressure contact with each other for a long time for some reason or other, as the material of the protection sheet 4, it is desirable to use such material that the adhesive force thereof with the adhesive layer 2 is smaller than an adhesive force between the

¹ The Office Action cites to Casper and the label 22 or 33, which is releasably adhered to the face of the substrate of Casper. Applicants respectfully submit that the label 22 or 33 of Casper is a linerless label and therefore inapposite. Casper discloses a liner label having a release liner and a label releasably adhered to a face thereof. See Casper, 4/32-50, 7/25-44, and Figs. 2 and 11.

adhesive layer 2 and sheet-shaped base member 1.” Onishi, 9/13-23. Thus, if anything, even when considered in combination with the teaching of Casper as whole, Onishi actually teaches away from substituting the protection sheet 4 with the releasably adhered label of Casper, because the label would be adhered to the sheet-shaped base member 1 of Onishi. Casper was discussed in Applicants’ previous response. Casper, even when considered in combination with the teaching of Onishi as a whole, is silent as to whether any label of Casper is interchangeable with a protection sheet for a cleaning sheet.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 21, 23-29, 38, 40-44, even assuming *arguendo* that one of ordinary skill would have been motivated to substitute the protection sheet 4 of Onishi with a releasably adhereable label of Casper, Applicants submit that one of ordinary skill in the art still would not arrive at the invention as recited in Claims 21, 23-29, 38, 40-44.

Each of claims 21, 23-29, 38, and 40-44 recites a method comprising, *inter alia*, a step of passing through a printer a document with a first label releasably adhered to a first face of the document. In contrast thereto, even assuming there is motivation to combine, the teachings of Onishi in view of Casper would require that the releasably adhereable label of Casper (substituted in place of protection sheet 4) be removed from the cleaning sheet of Onishi, before the cleaning sheet is passed through the printer. See Onishi, 9/3-4 and 10/48-51. Otherwise, if this label is not removed prior to passage through a printer, then the purpose of the cleaning sheet of Onishi will not be achieved, since the adhesive layer of the cleaning sheet of Onishi must be exposed, and not covered with the protection sheet (or substituted label), in order to effect the purpose of the cleaning sheet when it is passed through a printer. See, for example, Onishi, 5/27-33 and 10/63-11/8.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Onishi in view of Casper.

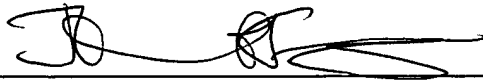
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Applicants submit that the foregoing is responsive to each of the points in the Non-Final Office Action.

Favorable consideration and timely allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this paper to Deposit Account No. 18-2284 (DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP).

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